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Malik teaches a method and system that enable the provider to charge for Internet access service (i.e., "services") via prepaid services. Dahari on the other hand, provides integrated VPN services with prepaid services. Thus, the combination of Malik and Dahari would result in billing or charging of VPN service via prepaid methodologies which deducting for services rendered from prepaid account. Therefore, the combination teaches the features as claimed.

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